

Christian radio provides a spiritually uplifting experience not found in any of the secular stations. Secular radio has become so vile and polluted by the language the FCC has come to allow on the air.

The mission of Christian radio is quite different from that of secular stations. It does not exist merely to play music, but is a ministry. It is used to spread the message of Jesus Christ through uplifting music, prayer, sermons, scripture reading, and many other ministry activities.

The fact that the FCC is considering the kind of interference outlined in Docket No. 04-233 is appalling. No Christian radio station should be subjected to taking advice from community advisory boards. This would be a direct violation of our freedoms of speech and religion, much as it would be for a church to be required to take such advice in their sermons.

Christian radio is just that – Christian. It is not a free forum for any group to get on and air their own opinions and agendas. The refusal to grant secular organizations equal air time is in keeping with our religious beliefs and the Gospel message. It should in no way affect the renewal process for a Christian radio station's license.

Many Christian radio stations are listener-supported, and subsequently operate on considerably smaller budgets than their secular counterparts. Statewide and nationwide stations often have unmanned affiliate/relay sites in order to utilize labor-saving technologies and keep costs to a minimum. For the FCC to require these sites to be manned would unnecessarily put Christian stations at a severe disadvantage, and would ultimately result in the shutting down of many of these entities.

I put my money where my mouth is. I live in Chesapeake, VA and financially support the Christian radio station K-Love, based out of California. I listen to them on the air via a local relay station, as well as on the Internet. I do this because the FCC has allowed secular radio to become so profane that I find it highly offensive and vulgar. I want a Christian-based, family-friendly radio station that I can listen to with my children and not have to worry about what they are hearing. Please do not jeopardize this right!